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In re the application of: Rory A.J. Curtis and M.  
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For: *ISOLATED PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACID  
MOLECULES HAVING HOMOLOGY TO THE NIP?  
PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF*

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**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants request a three-month extension of time in which to file an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 17, 2001 and received by the U.S. Patent Trademark Office on January 24, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants request a three-month extension of time from March 24, 2002 through June 24, 2002.

Please charge our deposit account the appropriate fee of \$920.00 based on large entity status for a three-month extension of time. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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